

Miss McElwain Instrumental In Securing Dormitory Funds

McElwain dormitory will not be ready for coed use until next semester, but the cornerstone ceremony took place the same date as the Simmons Hall ceremony, June 5.

Miss Harriet A. McElwain, Lady Principal and Professor of History in the College, was graduated from Mt. Holyoke Seminary in June, 1881. After two years of teaching she came to the College as the Lady Principal.

It was through her efforts that women students were taken from the unattractive quarters in a portion of the west wing of the Old Main building. She personally visited the State Legislature at Harrisburg and secured appropriations for the Ladies' Cottage, or Woman's Building, as it is now called.

Teacher, Secretary

For the first two or three years, in addition to having charge of the Ladies' Department and the teaching of History, she taught Latin and Mathematics in the Preparatory Department. She also served as President Atherton's private secretary.

At the cornerstone ceremony, Mrs. Helen Atherton Govier, daughter of the late president George W. Atherton, told of her associations with Miss McElwain.

Outstanding Person

Mrs. Govier said, "She was a very remarkable person. Her intellect, business acumen, clear thinking, fair judgment, keen insight in evaluating motives and purposes, and above all, a never-failing sense of humor, made her an indispensable asset to the work assigned to her as confidential secretary to my father."

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Gals 'Drag' Guys To Cwens Dance

The first big dance of the new semester will be held Oct. 16 in Recreation Hall when Cwens, sophomore women's honorary, holds its "Dungaree Drag."

Sponsored each year by Cwens, the Ozark custom of girl ask boy theme is followed. In true Dogpatch tradition the girl must ask for the date, buy the ticket and present her date with a corsage. The corsages in past years have ranged from lollipops and vegetables to cowbells and skunkweed.

Even with the ratio of 1 coed to 4.93 men on campus, many males are a little shy and sometimes a little push by the girl in the form of a bid to the "Drag" has started a new romance on its way.

Tickets for the dance are \$1.20 a couple and may be purchased at Student Union starting today. A campus orchestra will furnish the music for the evening.

Miss Simmons Served College As Professor, Dean of Women

Miss Lucretia V. Simmons, whose name is now familiar to all coeds since the opening of the new woman's dormitory bearing her name, was Dean of Women at the College from 1916 to 1919 and a professor of German here for many years.

At the cornerstone ceremony held June 5, Miss Julia G. Brill, vice-president of the Penn State Alumni Association, knew Miss Simmons and spoke of her characteristics.

Her Wisdom

Miss Brill said in part, "Wisdom Miss Simmons had in rare measure . . . If a girl asked permission to do something not in itself objectionable Miss Simmons frequently answered, 'I don't see why not.' As the only woman department head in the School of Liberal Arts she met so graciously the challenges to the woman boss and the woman co-worker with men that Dean Stoddard used to refer to her as 'one of the best men I have.'"

Thoughtfulness

"Thoughtfulness of others was another strong trait of Miss Simmons' personality."

"Probably the trait which was most widely recognized was her sprightly humor . . . Underlying all Miss Simmons' other traits was a sturdy, almost fierce, independence. She did not like to be fussed over—or checked-up on."

"No finer tribute was ever paid Miss Simmons what Dean Warnock wrote in his Half Colyum at the time of her retirement. After commenting on her meticulous scholarship, her modest manner, and her vast contribution to the College, he awarded her an orchid and ended somewhat like this: 'She has retired from teaching, but she has not put off her scholar's gown. She will continue to wear that as she always has, with a jaunty air.'"

Tribute By Weston

Dean Pearl O. Weston, dean of Women, also remembered Miss Simmons from her undergraduate days on the campus. Miss Weston says she remembers Miss Simmons best by her statement to a class of senior women.

"Girls," said Miss Simmons, "remember to always look your best in the morning. Comb your hair, press your dress and don't forget to powder your nose, because who knows Prince Charming might come that morning."

Women

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When it's snow-time activities for you and your 4.93 men again pile up. There's ice skating at the Duck Pond, half a mile out East College avenue, and sometimes on the tennis courts. Also ski enthusiasts will find plenty of mountain trails in the vicinity of the burned-down ski lodge. We suggest that '93 carry the skis. Even if you get into a snowball fight with your 4.93 men, the odds may be unfair, but who would complain?

We're certain you new coeds will find a friendly home on this campus, and we hope you find your way out of your Orientation Week maze as quickly as possible.

Home Economic Becomes School

The department of home economics, now a part of the School of Education, will be the eighth undergraduate school in the College beginning January 1, 1949.

The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the executive board to elevate the present department to school at a June meeting. At the same meeting, officers of the College were directed to recommend an appropriate organization for the new school.

Home economics courses have been offered at the College since 1879. In 1906 the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs passed a resolution demanding the State Legislature to appropriate funds for a department of home economics at the Pennsylvania State College. Louise Waugh served as the first director of the department from 1907 to 1910. Miss Grace M. Henderson is the present director.

In 1944-1945, the home economics department ranked 11th in the nation in number of home economics majors enrolled as undergraduates and fourth in the number of non-majors. More than 2000 students have received degrees in home economics since the department was established.

When the new organization goes into effect on January 1, it will be the first new school organized since January 1930, when the School of Physical Education and Athletics was created.

Cornerstone Depicting Coeds Placed in McElwain, Simmons

Simmons and McElwain Halls were officially welcomed to the ever-increasing number of College buildings on Saturday, June 5, at 2 p.m., when Dr. Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, opened the cornerstone ceremony of the two new women's dormitories on Shortlidge road.

On the steps of the walk between White Hall and the Temporary buildings that joins the walk on Shortlidge road, Dr. Weston spoke and then introduced the speakers.

Brill Speaks

Miss Julia Gregg Brill, vice president of the Penn State Alumni Association, spoke of her association with Miss Lucretia Simmons, for whom Simmons Hall was named. Mrs. Helen Atherton Govier, daughter of former president, George W. Atherton, talked of Miss Harriet McElwain's contribution to the college.

Miss Violet Gillespie, secretary

of the Woman's Student Government Association in 1947-48, remarked on the increased facilities for women.

Acting President of the College, James P. Milholland, closed the speaking part of the ceremony. He then went to the cornerstone of Simmons Hall and then to McElwain Hall to help place the stones, assisted by Miss Brill at Simmons and Mrs. Govier at McElwain.

Cornerstones

Within the cornerstone of each building, a sealed copper box was placed containing articles typical of the College today.

Among other things were a scrapbook of the present day coed in the "New Look" for all activities and two dolls dressed in the costumes of Penn State coed 1948—one with bobby sox, sweater and skirt; the other in a net evening gown copied from one owned by a Woman's Building coed.

Leaflets placed in the box included What is WSGA?, Your Way Around Campus, Panhellenic Guidebook 1947-48, Information for Resident Students, Pathways to Service, Home Economics in Penn State, WSGA Regulations for Women Students, IFC Code for Unchaperoned Dating, and Rules Governing Social Affairs for Undergraduate Students.

LATE SORORITY NEWS

Wednesdays issue of the Daily Collegian omitted the location of Theta Phi Alpha, sorority for the Open House on Saturday. The sorority is located on east campus in back of the infirmary.

The three sororities having suites in Grange Dormitory will be able to move into them after 10 a.m. Saturday. Workers have been rushing completion on the suites in order that they will be ready at that time.

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